

## CLAIMS

- 5 1. A basket housing for use in a basket assembly in a railroad switch comprising:  
an opening for receiving a rod or bar therethrough;  
at least one abutment for limiting lateral displacement of a surface associated with  
said rod or bar; and,  
means for rotatably retaining an arm associated with said housing.
- 10 2. The basket housing of claim 1 further comprising a head portion and a lower  
portion, said means for rotatably retaining an arm being located on said head portion.
- 15 3. The basket housing of claim 2 wherein said means for rotatably retaining an arm  
comprises a bore in said head portion, said bore being adapted to receive a pin for  
rotation in said bore and for connection to said arm.
- 20 4. The basket housing of claim 3 wherein said lower portion comprises means for  
securing a rod to said housing.
- 25 5. A basket assembly for use in a railroad switch comprising:  
a housing having an opening for receiving a rod or bar therethrough, at least one  
abutment for limiting lateral displacement of a surface associated with said rod or bar  
member and a head portion, and a bore in said head portion for receiving a pin for  
rotation therein.
6. The basket assembly of claim 5 further comprising at least one torsion arm  
retained on said pin.
- 30 7. The basket assembly of claim 6 wherein said torsion arm comprises an  
elongated slot and one end of said pin extends through said elongated slot.
- 35 8. The basket assembly of claims 5, 6 or 7 further comprising attachment points on  
said housing for securing a switch rod assembly thereto.
9. The basket assembly of claim 6 or 7 wherein one end of said torsion arm is  
rigidly secured to an assist rod.
- 40 10. A basket assembly for use in a railroad switch comprising:  
a sliding element having an opening for receiving a rod or bar therethrough; and,

at least one arm rotatably mounted on said sliding element.

11. The basket assembly of claim 10 wherein said at least one arm comprises a pair of opposed arms.

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12. The basket assembly of claim 11 wherein each of said opposed arms is rigidly secured to an assist rod.

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13. The basket assembly of claims 10 or 11 wherein said rod or bar is hinged to a switch rod.

14. A basket assembly for use in a railroad switch comprising:  
a sliding element having an opening for receiving a rod or bar therethrough; and,  
a pair of pins extending from opposed sides of said sliding element.

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15. The basket assembly of claim 14 further comprising a pair of arms, each of said arms being mounted for rotation of one of said pins.

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16. The basket assembly of claim 15 wherein said arms are rigidly connected to an assist rod.